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St. Anthony Hospital Takes Step To Prepare For Future

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St. Anthony Hospital has employed a consultant firm to conduct a study which will assist the South Sixth Street facility in preparing for the future health needs of the Wabash Valley.

Announcement of the hiring of Anthony J.J. Rourke, Inc., Hospital Consultants of New Rochelle, N.Y. was made public by the St. Anthony Hospital Planning Committee Thursday.

The consultants were hired to conduct a physical facility study in order to pinpoint those areas of St. Anthony which will require further development.

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The Planning Committee said that by obtaining the services of Rourke Hospital Consultants, the needs and consideration of area residents will receive utmost consideration.

According to the committee, careful planning will guarantee comprehensive programs geared to meet future demands and will also assure that maximum results will be generated for every dollar spent for development.

Rourke Consultants estimate they will begin the facility study in early February. The study should take two months to conduct and will have seven areas of prime concentration.

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A survey will determine hospital service area, present population and utilization rates and forecasts for the next 15 years. A study of the hospital's activity in the past, present and a forecast of the future will be related to the community's past and present needs.

Studies are to be made of departmental areas to determine adequacy of space and functional location as well as assignment and use of puace within the department.

The presence and adequacy of particular health programs will be studied and recommendations for appropriate unit locations and size to best meet prevailing needs will be made.

Finally, Rourke Consultants will submit a detailed plan for the future considering present and future needs. This will indicate the most logical direction for St. Anthony Hospital development and will specify departments or activities for which additional space should be provided.

Throughout the study the consultants will meet with the Medical and Dental Staff, administration and departmental supervisors to ensure total involvement of staff and personnel.

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In offering services to St. Anthony Hospital, the consulting firm set a goal to find the best possible means of providing optimum health care for the community. Planning will be in such a way to contain capital costs, arriving at a recommended master plan which is feasible both financially and functionally.

Rourke Hospital Consultants was founded in 1954 by Anthony J.J. Rourke, M.D., a former President of the American Hospital Association and Founding Commissioner of the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals. The firm is considered to be a leader in the hospital survey field.

Rourke Consultants have conducted more than 700 in depth studies for hospital planning. Past clients include Childrens Hospital in Cincinnati, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, St. Joseph Infirmary in Louisville and St. Mary's Hospital in Cairo, Ill.

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St. Anthony Guild Elects New Officers

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New officers were installed at a recent meeting of the St. Anthony Hospital Guild. Mrs. William Sorrells will lead the Guild as president for 1973.

The other officers of the Guild are Mrs. George L. Petit, Vice President; Mrs. David Cordill, Recording Secretary: Mrs. Richard Kelly, Treasurer; and Mrs. Norman Koester, Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Arnold Kunkler, the outgoing president, will serve as Advisor for the coming year.

Standing Committees named by Mrs. Sorrells are: Ladies Round Robin — Mrs. Thomas Kelly and Mrs. Joseph Hanley are co-chairman; Couples Round Robin — Mrs. James Crawford and Mrs. Gene Kibler are co-chairmen; Parliamentarian — Mrs. John Sullivan; Publicity — Mr. George L. Petit; Hospitality — Mrs. Rodney Fucella, Mrs. Larry Ray, Mrs. Fred Christman Jr., and Mrs. Louis Neudorff, Telephone — Mrs. Jerold O'Marrow.

Scheduled Events

Dance Chairman — Mrs. Dennis Penny; Spring Luncheon Chairman — Mrs. John Hulme and Mrs. Robert Rourke; Cart Scheduling — Mrs. Jack Weust; Girt Shop — Mrs. James Buell and Mrs. John Hulme; Puppets for Pediatrics — Mrs. John Barcus; Membership — Mrs. George L. Petit; Memorial Fund — Mrs. Norman Koester.

Mrs. Sorrells outlined some of

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the events scheduled for the coming year. The Guild plans to have its membership Tea and Spring Luncheon the early part of the year. Later a Tea will be given honoring all the past presidents of the Guild. A picnic is scheduled for the Fall. In November the annual Charity Ball will be held and in December the annual Christmas Party will be given for all the members of the Guild.

Since the Guild is primarily a service organization, its activities are directed to various projects. Rolling bandages, pushing the gift cart and making hundreds of puppets for the children in the pediatrics ward are only a few of the many activities of the group.

Anyone wishing to do volunteer service for the hospital and interested in joining the Guild are asked to contact Mrs. George L. Petit, the Membership Chairman.

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Inventory Discussed at Hospital Meet

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Sound inventory management resulting in reduced hospital cost was the topic of a program presented at St. Anthony Hospital Jan. 17 by Brien Laing, Vice-President of American Hospital Supply in Chicago.

Mr. Laing explained to a group of fifty employees the importance and resulting efficiency of materials management supply distribution.

St. Anthony has initiated the system on two floors of the hospital since Jan. 2. According to William Dorsett, Materials Management Director at the hospital, the system will cover all floors in approximately three weeks.

Under the system medical supplies and laundry are delivered directly to nursing stations in special carts. This allows nursing personnel to spend more time caring for patient needs and guarantees fresh supply rotation throughout the hospital.

Laing emphasized that through materials management distribution controlled stocking of supplies was more feasible. Stock obsolesence is virtually eliminated he said, with the patient ultimately benefiting in reduced costs.

Mr. Laing has wide experience in the materials management field, having served as a consultant and advisor to hospitals across the country that have installed similar systems based on the Friden Concept of distribution.

NORAD Lectures Given To St. Anthony Staff

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An illustrated lecture about the operation of the North American Air Defense system was presented Tuesday as part of the in - service educational program at St. Anthony Hospital by a representative of General Telephone Co. of Indiana, Inc.

W. Deford Hite, public affairs programs manager for the company, gave the lecture and answered questions at a morning, afternoon and evening session on the sixth floor of the hospital for all hospital personnel. Those attending the evening session included members of a Boy Scout Explorer Post.

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After describing in general terms the NORAD's installation and operation, Hite made a direct call to Commander John Jones at the installation at Colorado Springs, Colo.

This is the focal point for 16 million miles of air defense, including underground, aerial and radio systems and spreads throughout North America, Hite explained.

Commander Jones reported that "it snowed a little bit this morning at Colorado Springs" before explaining to the more than 70 persons at the morning session that there are 90,000 men and women manning NORAD installations throughout the continent.

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He said at present the United States does not have protection against intercontinental ballistic missiles but only means of warning, but hopefully by mid-1974 will have one site for two defense missiles for such an attack.

One of the jobs of the NORAD installation is to keep track of orbiting satellites, Commander Jones said, which now number 563 payloads, and of debris in orbit. There are more than 2200 pieces of debris of which NORAD also keeps track.

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St. Anthony Hospital Names Director of Nursing Service

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St. Anthony Hospital's new Acting Director of Nursing Service is Registered Nurse Pat Jenkins. The announcement was made Thursday by Sister Mary Henrita, administrator of the hospital.

Mrs. Jenkins has been associated with St. Anthony since 1957. She has worked as house supervisor and has extensive experience in the emergency room.

A graduate of The Brooklyn Hospital School of Nursing and Indiana State University, she is five credit hours from a Master of Science Degree in Health and Safety at Indiana State.

As Director of Nursing Service Mrs. Jenkins will be responsible for the work of between 350 and 400 St. Anthony employees. This will include all nurses, aides and ward clerks as well as some technicians.

Staffing of all nursing stations, the emergency room, surgery, obstetrics and central supply will be a major duty as nursing service director.

One of Mrs. Jenkins' first goals is to establish a strong relationship with employees and doctors.

"I want to know the people I will be working with and they should get to know me," Mrs. Jenkins said. "And if employees or doctors have either a complaint or a compliment, I would like them to feel they may tell me about it."

A member of the Emergency Department Nursing Association and Brooklyn Hospital Alumni Association, Mrs. Jenkins has participated in classes on team nursing, coronary care, drug use and electrocardiograph. She recently was honored for proficiency in emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the Indiana Heart Association.

Before coming to St. Anthony she had previous experience in the United States Army Nurse Corps and worked two years at Union Hospital in Terre Haute.

Mrs. Jenkins has a 17-year service pin from Red Cross for nursing work with that organization and has participated in various charity drives in PTA groups throughout the city.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Jenkins has resided in Terre Haute for 26 years. She and her husband Jim have four children and live at 2516 N. Seventh St.

Mrs. Jenkins replaces Sister Mary Rose who has taken a new position at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, Ind.

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St. Anthony Given Top Accreditation

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The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has given St. Anthony Hospital a rating of excellent, following a survey of the hospital's facilities and services last October to measure existing conditions against national standards.

A report of the Commission's action was received by Sister M. Henrita, hospital administrator, and Dr. William L. Strecker, president of the medical staff.

According to Dr. John D. Porterfield, director of the Joint Commission, accreditation connotes that the hospital, its governing body, its personnel and medical staff have collaborated to seek excellence, have accepted outside appraisal and have demonstrated substantial conformance with professionally developed and nationally applied criteria.

Dr. Porterfield said, "This certificate of accreditation should be a matter of pride to the facility's personnel and of reassurance to its patients."

In explaining the purpose of the Commission survey, Sister Henrita said it helps promote high quality care and ensures that patients receive the optimal benefits medical science has to offer.

"The patient is the first priority in the hospital," Sister Henrita said, "and the Joint Commission makes sure that consideration is maintained through use of essential services, physical safety, maintenance and efficiency."

Areas of Commission concentration include the hospital's governing body and management, medical staff, nursing, anesthesia, dietetic, emergency, environmental and social services, medical records, pathology, radiology and pharmaceutical services, special care units, a professional library and physical medicine service.

A hospital seeking accreditation voluntarily submits to inspection. The hospital must be registered with the American Hospital Association.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals was incorporated in 1952. It evolved from the Hospital Standardization Program founded in 1918 by the American College of Surgeons.

The College of Surgeons is a present member of the Commission as is the American Medical Association, American College of Physicians and the American Hospital Association.

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St. Anthony Hospital Okd For Continuing Certification

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St. Anthony Hospital again has received a rating of excellence and full certification from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

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St. Anthony Nurse Boosts Stroke Patients

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Mrs. Lorraine Fitzgerald, a registered nurse at St. Anthony Hospital, received praise this week from the Indiana State University School of Nursing and the Indiana Heart Association for her contribution to a project on nursing care to stroke patients.

The project was conducted by the ISU Nursing Department of Continuing Education over a period from March 10, 1971, to July 15, 1972.

The purpose of the project was to generate complete rehabilitative care for stroke patients through the instruction of trained personnel and the cooperation of the parent hospital.

Mrs. Fitzgerald rated highest of participants from each of five area hospitals cooperating in the project. She was given special praise for her efforts in founding the Wabash Valley Stroke Club.

Mrs. Fitzgerald is coordinator of the stroke unit at St. Anthony Hospital. She lives with her husband at 446 South 20th St. in Terre Haute.

Dr. Maryanne Roehm was the stroke project chairman. Miss Virginia Breiner was project coordinator. Both are faculty members of the ISU School of Nursing.

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St. Anthony Respiratory Therapy Dept. Praised

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The St. Anthony Hospital Respiratory Therapy Department received special praise for excellence at the Indiana Society for Respiratory Therapy Seminar held at Reid Memorial Hospital in Richmond.

The April 3 and 4 meeting of respiratory therapists covered advanced methods of approaching respiratory ailments such as chronic bronchitis and emphysema. The many variables affecting oxygen carrying blood were emphasized.

The respiratory program at St. Anthony Hospital was praised for meeting many of the prescribed procedures and methods just now receiving wide spread acceptance throughout the country. Physicians and personnel connected ith the department were singled out as showing great interest and professionalism.

Feature guests speakers at the seminar titled, "Consideration for Respiratory Care" were Dr. Donald F. Egan, Chairman of the Board of Medical Advisors of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy. Also, Jimmy A. Young, President of the American Association and Director of that department at Massachusetts General Hospital. Hospital.

Louise Johnson, supervisor and Peggy Roberts, assistant supervisor of the respiratory therapy deparament at St. Anthony Hospital attended the program. The two were also invited to participate in the safety program at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during time trials and the 500 Race.

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St. Anthony Hospital Adds New System

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A new supply system recently initiated at St. Anhony Hospital should be a benefit to both the hospital and its employees.

Based on the Friden Concept of Materials Management Supply Distrbution, all medical supplies and linens are delivered to nursing stations and auxiliary departments. In the past an employee had to go to a main distribution area any time supplies were needed.

According to William Dorsett, materials management director at St. Anthony, efficiency and economy are the two major benefits of this new system.

"First, health care personnel have more time to spend with patients, and this means more personal attention resulting in better care," Dorsett said. "Second, we are able to keep a better account of supplies. Our costs are lessened and the chance of a patient being billed for unused items is eliminated."

Under materials management all medical supplies are sent by special cart from a central dispatch area on the hospital's first floor. A cart remains at each nursing station throughout the day. The cart carries all those supplies commonly used at each particular station.

Dorsett said a study had been run last year which showed an average of 2,800 trips weekly by St. Anthony nursing personney for supplies. 98 per cent of those trips have now been eliminated.

Patients benefit not only from extra nursing care, but also from guaranteed fresh rotation of medical supplies. There is no chance of an item being pushed back on a shelf and not used for months. Supplies are only at the station for a 24-hour period.

"From a safety standpoint this is much better because there is no opportunity for a drug or solution to go bad before use," Dorsett said.

Fresh linens are brought to the nursing stations twice daily by special carts and stored in the carts. The only problem for the laundry has been where to store all of the linens that had accumulated through the years on nursing shelves. Eleswhere valuable space has been saved.

Materials management supply distributed is a relatively new concept developed by an engineer named Friden. While a hospital patent, Friden saw a need for incresed efficiency and developed a supply system that would achieve this.

Many newly constructed hospitals are now built around this concept. Where facilities permit, materials management encompasses virtually everything which moves including patient transportation between departments.

For the time being, St. Anthony's materials management will include only the supplyng of nursing stations and areas such as surgery, the emergency room and respiratory therapy. However, Dorsett said that in the future the system could be expanded if patients and the hospital would benefit.

St. Anthony Honors 52 Employees

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St. Anthony Hospital honored 52 of its employees at the annual Employee Recognition Banquet held in the hospital cafeteria Thursday. The 52 have served residents of the Wabash Valley for a combined total of 420 years.

Johnny Palmer, anchor man of W-TWO TV News, was feature speaker at the banquet. The master of ceremonies was John Karas, the hospital's personnel director.

Employees were presented with commemorative pins or their choice of a commemorative necklace, brooch, money clip or lighter.

Mrs. Mary Alice White, a member of the Housekeeping Department assigned to Pediatrics, was the senior member honored by time of service. She was employed at St. Anthony's in 1948 and was presented a diamond service pin to honor the occasion.

Those honored for 15 years service included Catherine Conley, Bertha Jones, Margaret Stewart, Myrtle Swift, Blanche Wilson and Mabel Zeabart.

Sixteen were presented awards for ten years service including Patricia Conn, Betty Elwell, Agnes Foltz, Mary Girton, Wilma Graves, Betty Henson, Margaret Lowe, Lorrayne Payne, and Mary Pruiett. Also, Frances Ripple, Peggy Roberts, May Schlup, Barbara Terrell, James White, Ann Beaver, and Lola Van Allen.

Employees honored for five years were Gladys Allen, Raymond Boling, Edward Boone, Elizabeth Branaman, Nora Bronnert, Pansy Brown, Thelma Cunningham, Margaret Edwards, Gene Gobreski, Karolina Grohovsky, Mary Groves, David Hall, and Betty Houpt.

Also, Isabell Kiger, Irene Lamb, Virginia Nielson, Betty Parcus, Evelyn Purcell, Linda Reed, Marie Riggs, Terry Schneider, Mary Sexton, Ida Smith, Ruth Stadler, Jan Cecelia Todd, Rosella Thomas, Shirley Ann Thomas, Lena Wilkins and Susan Brough.

Awards were presented by Sister Mary Henrita, hospital administrator ,and director of nursing service Patricia Jenkins, R.N. Dr. W. L. Strecker, president of St. Anthony's medical staff gave a salute from the staff. The invocation was given by Father Ernest Waechter.

Awards were also presented to Lisa Conley, Frances Pfister and Adam Scott Beaver as winners of a hospital sponsored art contest for employees' children and grandchildren.

Michael Page provided the musical entertainment.

New Service Notifies Pastors

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A recent addition to the pastoral service offered patients at St. Anthony Hospital has received much praise from local clergy and church members. Called the pastoral notification service, the hospital notifies pastors of all denominations when one of their parishioners is admitted.

The program was initiated in April upon the suggestion of St. Anthony Administrator Sister Mary Henrita. It relies on the mutual consent of both pastor and patient for success.

Hospital notification of pastors has been used in larger cities, but had never been attempted in Terre Haute. To get the service started two mailings were sent to all local churches asking if they wished to participate and if so, when and to whom notification should be given.

To date, 105 churches of practically every faith have asked to be included in the program. Many have assisted in helping to match the patient with his particular church when only partial information was available.

When a patient is admitted to the hospital he is asked if he has a religious preference. If a particular church is listed, the pastor is notified of the admission unless the patient designate she is not attending the church.

If the patient lists no religion or merely lists Protestant or Catholic, no contact is made unless the patient becomes seriously ill. If the patient's condition does become serious a member of the family is consulted to see if a pastor might then be desired.

The notification service has been added at St. Anthony's to complement the philosophy of treating the whole patient. The hospital feels a pastor can offer comfort, encouragement and sometimes turn sorrow into joy. This aids the mental and spiritual aspect of the patient's health and in turn can speed up the physical healing.

When a pastor is notified by telephone he is given the patient's name, home address, room number, admission time and surgery time if applicable. The pastor is also told whether the patient is hospitalized for medical or surgical treatment, but no diagnosis is given.

Sister Mary Georgette is responsible for notifying pastors. She said that many people have been thankful for the service and that no negative comments had reached her.

Sister Georgette's only suggestion would be for pastors to encourage their parishioners to list complete information including the name of their church and pastor. This would enable the hospital to make contact expeditiously.

One minor problem that has been encountered is the distinction between an actual church member and a person who regularly attends the church but not a member. Instances have occurred when the pastor has been contacted at patients request but is unfamiliar with the patient. However all pastors have gladly visited the non-church members.

The notification service is supplemental to the duties of St. Anthony's chaplain who greets and visits all patients admitted to the hospital.

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Hospital Adds To Services

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Emergency room facilities at St. Anthony Hospital will be expanded, with the addition of three new patient treatment rooms to be constructed adjoining the present facilities.

In making the announcement Wednesday, hospital officials noted a 27.5 per cent patient increase since initiating full-time physicians coverage at the emergency room last July.

The expansion project will take an area adjacent to the present facilities on the first floor of the hospital's north wing. The project will include lavatory and toilet facilities and storage areas in addition to the patient treatment rooms.

Hospital officials hope to have the expansion completed after this summer to meet the peak period of emergency room demand. In late summer, increased outdoor activity by the public brings more injuries which need emergency room care.

Dr. Wilbert McIntosh, one of the emergency room physicians, told a Wednesday meeting of hospital employes, that the patient load increase was due to the convenience and promptness of service. He said, "Often the personal physician is unable to attend to minor emergencies because of conflicting commitments (in surgery for example). The patients appreciate the initial treatment available in the emergency room that round-the-clock physician coverage provides."

Another factor behind the increased emergency room patient load is visitors to Terre Haute and persons who have no family physician coming to the emergency room because of a physician is known to be in attendance.

Hospital statistics show 14,411 patients were treated at the emergency room between the start of full-time physician coverage July 1, 1972 to May 31, 1973. That is an average of 43 patients per day. Only 16 per cent of those treated in the emergency room required further hospitalization.

Statistics also show the emergency room was treating approximately 50 patients per day through the summer months and approximately 37 per day in the November through February period.

St. Anthony Hospital has the only hospital emergency room in the area with 24 hour a day physician coverage seven days per week. According to statistics from the Digest of Surveys only 17 per cent of the hospitals in the United States provide this service.

In explaining why St. Anthony's initiated 24 hour a day coverage, hospital administrator Sister Mary Henrita said, "We felt this additional service would greatly benefit the community. It has directly benefited a large number of people during times of personal need and we are quite pleased because of that."

The hospital estimates between eight and 10 lives have been saved after cardiac arrest because of immediate physician care. Four or five accident victims also were saved, according to hospital officials, who said they would have died if made to wait an appreciable period for physician care.

Health care projections indicate a continually increasing emphasis on outpatient care for years to come, hospital officials said. Also patient cost is a prime factor in this trend as outpatient expense is approximately five times less than for inpatient care.

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Sister Mary Henrita

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Honored by Friends

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A reception honoring outgoing St. Anthony Hospital administrator Sister Mary Henrita was held Wednesday afternoon in the hospital cafeteria.

Sister Mary Henrita departed Terre Haute Thursday morning ending a nine-year career as the hospital administrator. Her new assignment is administrator of St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, Ill., a position she held from 1954 to 1960.

During the reception friends presented Sister Henrita with a gift certificate from a large Chicago department store and a scrapbook recalling hospital activities of her past nine years.

"I've enjoyed being here these nine years," she said reflecting on her tenure at St. Anthony. "It's been very interesting and I've made so very many friends. I just can't find the words to describe it," she said.

Others had no trouble expressing their respect for her. Eugene Gobreski, who takes over as hospital administrator Thursday, said of his predecessor, "She has been very aware of the health care needs of the community and has done much to meet them." In a more personal vain, he added. "She is a sister, an administrator, and also a lady."

Sister Henrita thought the greatest accomplishment of her nine years at St. Anthony was the institution of 24 hours per day, seven days a week physician coverage of the emergency room. She said she wanted to see that persons needing medical care "wouldn't have to wait to get treated."

St. Anthony is the only area hospital offering continuous doctor-present emergency room care. The hospital recently opened three new emergency room care areas.

Other hospital programs and facilities started under the sister's administration include a coronary care unit utilizing the most modern heart monitoring equipment available, a new X-ray wing including cobalt treatment facilities, office remodeling, rehabilitation program for stroke victims and respiratory therapy department.

Sister Henrita has been a nurse or hospital administrator for the past 40 years. She is a registered nurse who holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne and a master's degree in hospital administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Prior to coming to Terre Haute in 1964, she served for four years as administrator at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The children's research hospital is nationally known because of its association with entertainer Danny Thomas.

Sister Henrita described how that hospital has a large research staff seeking cures and treatments for diseases such as leukemia, muscular dystrophy and blood conditions.

She spoke eagerly of starting to work at St. James Hospital. When asked if she was going to take a vacation, she just smiled and commented that she already had had a little time off. This women loves her work.

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Baldridge New Controller

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William A. Baldridge has been appointed controller of St. Anthony Hospital. The appointment was made public Wednesday by E. R. Gobreski, hospital administrator.

Baldridge fills the gap in financial management created August 16 when Gobreski assumed the duties of administrator of the southside health facility after five years as controller and later, assistant administrator.

As controller, Baldridge will be responsible for all business and financial matters of the hospital. He will serve as financial advisor, planner and manager of all hospital assets. A native of Brazil, Ind, Baldridge has been chief accountant at St. Anthony's since May 1969. He will retain responsibility for accounting in his new position.

Bill Baldridge is a graduate of Brazil High School and Indiana State University where he majored in accounting and business administration. He has previously been employed by the Internal Revenue Service and the Ethyl Corporation.

He is a unit commissioner in the Boy Scouts of America and served six years as chairman of the Clay County Red Cross. Baldridge is also a member of the First Methodist Church of Brazil and the Elks Lodge.

He and his wife Joanne have one child and live at 9 West Blaine Street in Brazil.

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With responsibility for all business and financial matters of the hospital, Baldridge will be financial advisor, planner and manager of all hospital assets, Gobreski said.

A native of Brazil and graduate of Brazil High School and Indiana State University, Baldridge has been chief accountant at the hospital since May, 1969. He will retain this responsibility.

Baldridge is a unit commissioner in the Boy Scouts, served six years as chairman of the Clay County Red Cross and is a member of the First Methodist Church of Brazil and the Elks Lodge.

He and his wife Joanne have one child and live at 9 W. Blaine St., Brazil.

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St. Anthony Delegates To Attend Conference

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St. Anthony Hospital will be represented at the Hospital Medical Staff Conference to be held Sept. 9-14 at the YMCA Conference Center in Estes Park, Colo. St. Anthony Medical Staff doctors Wayne A. Crockett, M.D., 1974 staff president, and Louis G. Neudorff, M.D., will attend the multiple concurrent discussion and instruction sessions along with hospital administrator E. R. Gobreski.

The tenth annual conference for hospital administrators and medical staff will present the latest developments in the delivery of vital medical care. Experts from throughout the United States will present a variety of topics aimed at keeping the hospital responsive to the medical needs of the community.

The Estes Park conference is under the direction of C. Wesley Eisele, M.D., of the Office of Post Graduate Medical Education of the University of Colorado. Dr. Eisele has arranged for a forum of speakers which includes many leading physicians and representatives from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, the American Hospital Association and many other major health related agencies.

Particular topics for presentation and discussion range from "Special Needs of the Hospital Patient" and "A New Medical Frontier: Autopollution," to "Understanding Drug Abuse" and "Recent Developments and Current Problems in Emergency Service."

Discussing the conference, Administrator Gobreski said, "We at St. Anthony's feel very fortunate to have been accepted to attend the Hospital Medical Staff Conference for the second consecutive year. Participation is by necessity limited, and those wishing to attend far exceed the number accepted."

The week-long conference is restricted to a total of approximately 300 participants selected by regional representation from across the U.S.